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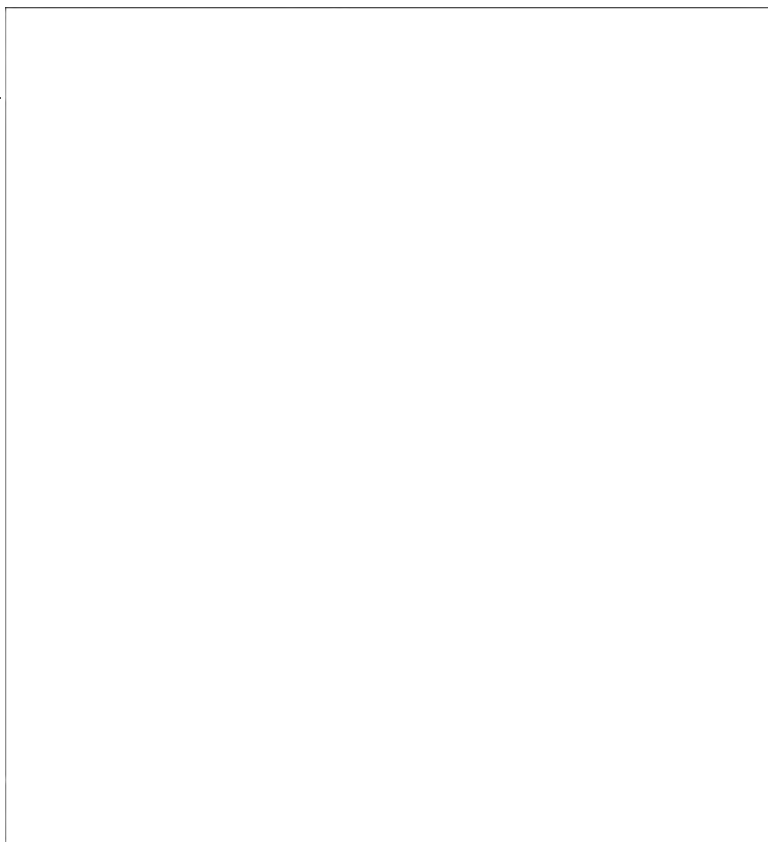
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1. Cuba-USSR

a. Cuban control of the SAM systems now appears to be complete.

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2. Laos

a. The rightist generals are still bickering among themselves.

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d. The weather has kept all military activity in Laos at a minimum the past few days.

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3. Algeria

a. Ben Bella seems to have the rebellion of Colonel Chabaane under control

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b. [redacted] the rebellion has pointed up Ben Bella's lack of authority and, conversely, illustrated that the army, under Defense Minister Boumedienne, is Algeria's only really effective and stable organization.

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c. The army [redacted] is determined that the [redacted] Ben Bella must go.

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d. It is prepared to wait, however, preferring to remove him by political means rather than by a coup. [REDACTED]

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4. Congo

a. Kasavubu gave the nod to Tshombé this morning.

b. We have no details yet, but Tshombé said yesterday he could form the transitional government within 24 hours, once he had Kasavubu's approval.

c. He may not be able to reconcile as many of the Congolese factions as he had hoped. Soumialot, leader of the Kivu rebels, and various trade union leaders are apparently welching on earlier promises to cooperate.

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NOTES

- A. South Vietnam The Viet Cong in the central highlands have been especially active lately. In an attack at battalion strength on 4 July, the Communists killed 51 and wounded 39, including four US personnel, and captured about 140 weapons. In the delta, the Viet Cong continue frequent small-scale attacks, sabotage, and harassment of government posts and hamlets.
- B. Panama The national guard squelched the anti-US demonstrations on 4 July. Eighteen were arrested, among them Communist student leader Floyd Britton.



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- D. Indonesia-USSR The Soviets may not have given Sukarno any promise of increased military aid, despite the reports being put out by the Indonesian Government. The Polish chargé in Djakarta says Moscow turned down Indonesian requests for any aid beyond present commitments.

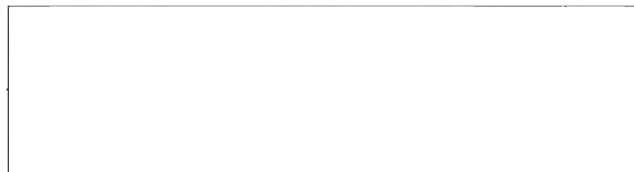
- E. Cuba-USSR
Soviet aircraft delivered to Cuba in early June are all-weather MIG-17s. They will help correct a major deficiency of the Cuban Air Force, which has only about 10 MIG-19B all-weather fighters.

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